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SUBJ: UN COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING -- FEBRUARY 27

1. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS AT AD
HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING ON FEBRUARY 27.

2. BANGLADESH - URGED FULL ATTENTION FOR SECTORAL
AREAS IN ADDITION TO CENTRAL INSTITUTIONS. CAUTION,
BUT NOT FULL REJECTION, WAS URGED REGARDING THE EXPERTS'
PROPOSALS FOR ELIMINATING ECOSOC SUBSIDIARY BODIES, CREATING
THE NEW POST OF DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND
CONSOLIDATING OPERATIONAL FUNDS.

3. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION - REPORT ON DG SAOUMA
STATEMENT IN SEPTEL.

4. EGYPT - EXPRESSED NEED FOR CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO RESTRUCTURING,
ESPECIALLY REGARDING THE PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF FUNDS,
INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF CONSENSUS PROCEDURES, AND ELIMINATION
OF ECOSOC SUBSIDIARY BODIES.

5. ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
IGLESIAS STRESSED THE NEED FOR A REVITALIZATION OF REGIONAL
STRUCTURES, BUT INDICATED THAT DECENTRALIZATION REQUIRES
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A STRONG CENTER FOR GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT. HE ALSO

REFERRED TO THE "NATURAL COMPLEMENTARITY" BETWEEN THE NEW SISTEMA ECONOMICO LATINO AMERICANO AND ECLA.

6. UKRAINIAN SSR - REPEATED STANDARD SOVIET ARGUMENTS.

7. UNIDO - EXDIR KHANE SAID THE EXPERTS' REPORT WAS SOUND BASIS FOR COMMITTEE DISCUSSION, BUT SUGGESTED SEVERAL CONCRETE POINTS IN REPORT ON WHICH HE HAD QUESTIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID PROLIFERATION OF UN ORGANS WAS NOT NECESSARILY BAD, BUT MERELY REFLECTED PROLIFERATION OF GLOBAL PROBLEMS AND NECESSITATED MORE COORDINATION. HE CAUTIONED AGAINST EXCESSIVE DECENTRALIZATION, SINCE "GLOBAL APPROACH IS ONE OF STRENGTHS OF UN SYSTEM" AND HE URGED GENUINE CONSOLIDATION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS. KHANE URGED THAT SPECIALIZED AGENCIES RETAIN THEIR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ROLE AFTER RESTRUCTURING COMPLETE.

8. UNDP - ADMINISTRATOR MORSE, MENTIONED THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER SIX TIMES. MUCH OF HIS STATEMENT WAS DEVOTED TO DESCRIBING UNDP'S DECENTRALIZATION AND PRAISING THE STRENGTHS OF THE UNDP FIELD ORGANIZATION. MORSE STRESSED THAT ALL UNDP PROGRAMS WERE BASED ON THE NATIONAL PLANS OF THE RECIPIENT STATES. (TEXT OF STATEMENT POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT).

9. IN RESPONSE TO MORSE'S STATEMENT, MADAGASCAR, ON BEHALF OF THE 77, AND SEVERAL OTHER DELS, ASSURED HIM OF THEIR SUPPORT FOR HIS EFFORTS, WHILE BEING CAREFUL NOT TO ENDORSE HIS STATEMENT BEFORE THEY HAD HAD TIME TO STUDY IT.

10. ECWA - AL-ATTAR, EXEC DIR OF ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIS, EMPHASIZED THE OVERALL NEED FOR COORDINATION AND DECENTRALIZATION AND URGED MORE RAPID IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE AGREED PRINCIPLES.
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